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Salem Community College Provost Honored with Community College Spirit Award

TRENTON, N.J.—At its annual Trustee Conference on June 16, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented the 2008 Community College Spirit Award to Salem Community College Provost and Chief Academic Officer Joan Baillie for her exemplary service to New Jersey’s community colleges.

“Since its inauguration in 1993, the Community College Spirit Award has been an honor bestowed to those who embody the community college spirit – perseverance, dedication and excellence,” said Dr. Richard Wellbrock, Council chairman.

Baillie was recognized for her leadership as a member of the New Jersey Community College Academic Officers Association. In 2007, when she chaired the association, the Academic Officers worked together to develop a general education course grid for the new statewide transfer articulation agreement between community colleges and the state’s public four-year colleges and universities. She also led the efforts to develop common cut scores for community college math and English placement exams.

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“These two-year projects that Joan led reinforces the quality of the educational experiences our students receive, and will better prepare them to transfer to four-year colleges and universities to complete their bachelor’s degrees,” Wellbrock added.

Baillie has served as provost and chief academic officer at Salem Community College since 2006. She has previously held the positions of dean of academic affairs, biology instructor, and science department chair.

In addition to serving on the Academic Officers Association, she is a member of the Salem County 2000 Education Council and its executive committee. Baillie is also the current president of the Pennsville Rotary Club and a member of the American Society for Curriculum Development.

Baillie holds a master’s degree in biology from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. and a bachelor’s degree in biology from Mount Saint Mary College in Hooksett, N.H. She also participated in Harvard University’s Summer Leadership Institute in 2007.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey’s 19 community colleges. As an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, the Council is the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government. The Council is also the state coordinating organization for all community colleges in New Jersey.